



Short Safety Subject

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Protect Your Child



Did you know that when the outside temperature is 93 degrees, the temperature inside a car, even with a window cracked, could reach 125 degrees? A trapped child can suffer heat stroke, which may lead to permanent disability or death in a matter of minutes.

According to a National SAFE KIDS Campaign survey 10 percent of parents report that it is acceptable for young children to be left unattended in a car. One-fifth of parents between the ages of 18 and 24 say it is OK to leave a child alone in a vehicle. The survey also found that only half of the parents surveyed always lock their cars at home. Unlocked cars, especially open car trucks, pose serious risks to young children.

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign offers these tips to help prevent heat-related injuries:

- Keep cars locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.
- Teach children not to play in or around cars.
- Never leave your child in an unattended car, even with the windows down.
- If your child gets locked inside a car and exhibits heat-related symptoms, get them out and dial 911 immediately.
- Use a light-colored covering to shade the seat while your car is parked. Consider using windshield shades in front and back windows.
- Keep the trunk of your car closed, especially when parked in the driveway or near your home.
- Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to prevent children from getting into the trunk.
- Store car keys out of children's sight and reach.
- Be wary of child-resistant locks. Teach older children how to disable the driver's door locks if they unintentionally become trapped.
- Contact your auto dealership to get your vehicle retrofitted with an internal trunk-release mechanism.